

Tiverton Wastewater District (TWWD)
Meeting held at the North Tiverton Fire District, Hilton Street
Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting Time: Executive session called to order by Chair Leroy Kendricks at 5:30PM. RI Gen. Law for executive session cited.

TWWD Board present: Leroy Kendricks (LK); Paul Northrup (PN); John Christo (JC); Chris Nearpass (CN); Michelle Tepfenhart (MT)

TWWD Board absent: Jeff Stearns (JS)

TWWD personnel: Lisa Andromalos (LA)

TWWD personnel absent: Nan Godet (NG)

Guests: None

Purpose of executive session to discuss process and candidates for superintendent position

1. PN – motion to appoint Sarah Stearns as superintendent

Discussion:

- PN reviewed process for interviewing candidates
- Field of 7 candidates, narrowed to 3 for interviews
- Most candidates had more operational experience, Stearns has extensive experience in project management and construction management and engineering. With the capital projects coming up, we feel it's important to have a superintendent who can manage the projects and engineers looking out for the interests of TWWD. Stearns has much more experience in this area. Experience managing RI projects using state and federal money and is a RI PE.
- Offer letter reviewed by the board. Position classified as regular part time employee and employee at will.
- Acknowledged that she is married to Jeff Stearns. Jeff has expressed intent to resign from the board. All members agree that her merits and qualification stand on their own and exceed those of all other candidates.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. CN – motion to make benefits outlined in S. Stearns offer standard benefit package for all employees. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session Adjourned at 5:51.

Special Meeting- Called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Called

TWWD Board present: Leroy Kendricks (LK); Paul Northrup (PN); John Christo (JC); Chris Nearpass (CN); Michelle Tepfenhart (MT)

TWWD Board absent: Jeff Stearns (JS)

TWWD personnel: Lisa Andromalos (LA)

TWWD personnel absent: Nan Godet (NG)

Guests: Tom Parece, AECOM

Presentation of data from Tom Parece, AECOM

Tom reviewed maps with overlay information from:

RIDEM (Conforming systems)
Town of Tiverton Assessors map
Existing Sewer Connections

Discussion Items:

- Number of lots abutting existing sewer that are not tied in – discussion surrounding ordinance that requires tie in. To date there has been no mechanism or process for enforcement nor resources to assist homeowners with tie in.
- RIDEM Database – data represents system permits applied for, system installed and inspected between 1990 and October 2014. Any property that is not contained in that database is assumed to have a system installed and inspected prior to 1990. Therefore, some systems listed as conforming may not be meeting standards or may have failed since the RIDEM designation. Generally, there are no areas with more than 35% listed as conforming. Bay Street is at 5%. Those listed as nonconforming are known to be installed prior to 1990 but the condition of those systems is unknown.
- Tom to revise maps based on input with goal of doing 200 ft from the water and up as much as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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